

**Utilities and Sustainability Task Force**  
Minutes from the April 19, 2007 Meeting

**Next meeting:** May 17, 2007, at BAWSCA, 155 Bovet Road, San Mateo

In attendance:

Bruce Chamberlain, ABAG Energy Watch  
Bob Cormia, Sustainable Silicon Valley  
Bill Dickenson, Belmont City Council  
Lori Duvall, Sun Microsystems  
Deborah Gordon, Woodside City Council  
Kathy Lavezzo, PG&E  
Terry Nagel, Mayor of Burlingame  
Mario Panoringan, Colma-Daly City Chamber of Commerce  
Barbara Pierce, Mayor of Redwood City  
Sepi Richardson, Brisbane City Council  
Nicole Sandkulla, BAWSCA  
Dianne Anderson, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)  
Gina Blus, Consultant (staff)  
Kim Springer, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)

Not in attendance:

Jerry Hill, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
Richard Napier, C/CAG

Guests:

Jill Boone, member emeritus  
Brandi deGarmeaux, USTF student intern  
Pat Dixon, County Commission on Disabilities  
Tyler Hammer, Sustainable San Mateo County  
Juda Tolmasoff, Aide to Supervisor Jerry Hill  
Marc Hershman, Mayor of Millbrae

**Upcoming event**

The Local Government Commission is sponsoring a workshop on water and land use in the Upper Sacramento Valley on Apr. 30 (registration deadline Apr. 23), in Red Bluff.  
<http://www2.lgc.org/events/index.cfm?fuseaction=conference&cid=66>.

**Actions items**

Staff: continue to write the energy strategy

**Notes**

Fuel Cell Tour The Westin SFO in Millbrae hosted the meeting; thanks to Kathy Lavezzo of PG&E. Brian Moreau of Alliance Power led a tour of the hotel's fuel cell. The 500 kW system went live in the fall of 2006; it supplies more than 95% of the hotel's electricity, all of its hot water and all of its irrigation water under a 10-year Power

Purchase Agreement. Alliance owns and manages the system, and sells power to the hotel at a price 5% below the hotel's previous cost for electricity, ~ 12 cents per watt.

JVSVN Climate Protection Task Force Seth Fearey of Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network presented plans for a climate protection task force, composed of staff from San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. JVSVN will convene representatives from 38 jurisdictions to work efficiently and cost-effectively together to combat climate change.

The ultimate vision is to work toward a carbon-neutral public sector. The strategy is to partner with industry, utilities and regulators, share expertise and develop shared goals and coordinated action plans. The task force will evaluate and pilot new technologies, and aggregate demand to drive down costs and help establish stable markets for local green tech industries. The first meeting is May 10.

Task force members were very interested in the project and saw similarities to the way C/CAG handles congestion management, NPDES (stormwater management) and the subregional RHNA (Regional Housing Need Allocation) – aggregating together to solve complex problems and share the benefits of working as a group.

The JVSVN task force has a different mission and target audience than the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, which addresses policy issues for both business and government. It also differs from Sustainable Silicon Valley, which offers education and runs a climate registry for business and government members. Both groups are advisors to the task force.

USTF members urged that information from the JVSVN group be distributed through C/CAG, and it was suggested the C/CAG appoint a member to attend meeting of this new task force. City staffers that participate in the task force will need to get approval from their elected representatives to ensure community buy-in, and smaller cities that can't afford to send staff will then have access to the info and the opportunity to participate.

Jill requested time on the agenda next month to talk about what role nonprofits can play in the strategy. The committee suggested that the nonprofit stakeholders be included in the task force work of JVSVN. Seth and Jill agreed to work together and to exchange the names of the various nonprofit organizations.

Kim reminded the committee that there will be nonprofits, such as SSV and SSNC, and others, included in the appropriate sections of the USTF strategy document and reference section. USTF members reminded the committee and staff that efforts between any organizations to compete for visibility, was wasted energy that should be used to create solutions.

USTF members noted that the cities are being overwhelmed by non-profits and other groups offering services and programs to tackle climate protection, and said that cities will be best served if offered a menu of options from which to choose (including info on financing). If the many groups targeting cities can coordinate their efforts and be funneled through the JVSVN task force, it will help the cities use their time and money

more efficiently. Nicole requested that water issues be included in the JVSVN task force work.

#### Collaborative Communication Process

Kathy reported that the new San Mateo County Government Affairs representative is on board at PG&E, and handed out laminated business cards with Roxane Cruz's name and contact information. Roxane will join us at the May meeting to review the proposed collaboration process.

#### Draft Outline of Energy Strategy and Resource List

The task force members offered positive comments and specific suggestions on the draft outline and the list of resources. Please send comments to Gina, who will make the edits and continue writing the document based on this feedback.

Task force members also responded positively to the idea of grouping cities into clusters with other similar cities, for purposes of "aiming" the energy and water strategies.

#### Round table

The San Francisco PUC has requested a voluntary 10% reduction in water use. See the events listed at the beginning and end of these minutes.

#### **Next meeting**

Collaboration process: Roxane Cruz, PG&E

Review of the energy strategy document

#### **Recent events**

The California Air Resource Board (the entity that is implementing the Global Warming Solutions bill, AB32, hosted a public workshop and webcast on Monday, Apr. 23. The topic: Discrete Early Actions for Reducing Emissions of greenhouse Gases. CARB must issue a list of discrete early actions (low-hanging fruit, if you will) by June of this year.  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm#workshops>

The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) held its 2nd stakeholder meeting of 2007 for the annual assessment of PG&E's transmission system on Monday, Apr. 23, at PG&E headquarters in San Francisco.